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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST, ETC., ETC.

"A CITY THAT IS SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HID."

20 below zero yesterday morning.

Envelopes go fast at the News office.

Mrs. C. M. Wormell is in very poor health.

There is hardly snow enough to lay the dust.

The C. E. sociable was postponed last Friday evening.

Mr. Herbert Jordan is visiting friends in our village.

A musician may be a teetotaler and yet never miss a bar.

Watch for the special Berlin edition of the BETHEL NEWS.

Mrs. Helen Stone of Portland has been to visit her mother, who is ill.

Miss Vesta L. Jordan of New Gloucester is visiting Miss Minnie Capen.

Mrs. J. C. Billings, who has been a sufferer for the past week, is improving.

Glidden, the photographer, gives fifteen nice photos for the price of one dozen.

A certain Bethel boy wants to know if a holy friar is a cook in a monastery.

Only a few more days in which to cast your vote for the most popular teacher.

The Columbian Club will meet with Miss Alice Billings next Saturday, P. M.

Charles Demeritt has moved into the Cullen Farwell rent on Mason Street.

Payson Rich, who has been at Phillips for some time past, has returned to Bethel.

Miss E. E. Burnham went to Portland, Tuesday morning to be absent two weeks.

The pastor of the Universalist church will speak on the subject of "Miracles" next Sunday.

James L. Chapman of Frye, Me., a former resident of Bethel, has been in town for a few days.

Mr. Stearns of Hebron Academy, son of Judge Louis C. Stearns of Caribou, spent Sunday in town.

Catarah is a constitutional disease and requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies the blood.

Miss Alice Billings entertained a company of sixteen ladies last Saturday. Whist was indulged in and a whist club formed.

The Good Templars and a few invited friends enjoyed an entertainment at the close of their meeting Friday night, consisting of reading, singing and pantomimes.

Ell W. Barker recently sold a fine two year old colt to Dr. Fernald, also a three year old heifer to John M. Philbrook for \$35.00. Mr. Barker has a few nice new milch cows for sale.

The Ladies' Circle of the M. E. church will be entertained by Mrs. C. O. Foster and Mrs. Ada Durrell this afternoon and evening at Relief Corps Hall. Supper and entertainment in the evening. All are invited.

Miss Ellen Douglass and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Foster are delegates, and E. A. Barker, F. W. Barker and F. A. Leach alternates of Helping Hand Lodge to attend the annual session of Oxford county District Lodge, I. O. G. T., at South Paris, Feb. 3d.

Thursday, P. M., the ladies of the Methodist society met at the home of Mrs. Horace Andrews and organized a Literary Circle. Longfellow was the subject for the P. M. Mrs. Bisbee read an original essay on his life and works, and readings etc., followed. The Circle will meet with Mrs. Bisbee this week.

One thing is certain. It will not do to fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the end will be. Pneumonia, catarrh, chronic bronchitis, if not consumption, invariably result from a neglected cold. It is surprising too, that bad colds are so often neglected when one remembers how easily and at what little expense they may be cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is prompt and effectual, and costs but a trifle; 25 or 50 cents is a trifle as compared with the disastrous effects of a neglected cold. Mr. Abner Mercer of Dillworthtown, Chester County, Pa., in speaking of this remedy, said: "Sometime ago I had a bad cold and cough. I tried almost everything. Finally Mr. Hunt, the druggist, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and one 50 cent bottle of it cured me entirely." For sale by G. R. Wiley Bethel, and G. O. Jones Bryant's Pond.

Locke's Mills, Me., Jan. 2, 1897. I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla more or less for the past three years. When I first began its use I was very lame across my back and in the region of my kidneys, and it was with great difficulty that I could rise from my chair. I also had a bad cough and could not sleep nights, but since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I have no lameness, no cough, and enjoy refreshing sleep.

Mrs. Jared Young.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills.

One of Bethel's brightest stars! Young and promising, the hope of her parents and even of Bethel, from which have gone forth so many—both male and female—to bless the world.

Shed—a bright and promising mind—honored, revered and loved by all who had the pleasure of her confidence.

Young—just beginning to taste the hopes of earth's best promises, with a bright future opening to her receptive mind and almost within her grasp.

Does her life, so well begun, stop here? Is this the end of her anticipations, her usefulness? We think not; we believe her life, so well begun, will progress through the ages of eternity, and that she will be far happier in her higher life, in the world where sin or sorrow shall never enter, than she ever could be in this sorrowing world, where sickness and death prevail. Let this thought be our consolation.

We mingle our tears with the bereaved parents and loved ones, and may our spiritual nature be raised higher by this sad affliction.

A Friend.

The Universalist Literary Club met with Mrs. F. L. Edwards Wednesday P. M.

Herman Mason spent Sunday at his home in Bethel and returned to Ramford Monday.

Miss Alice Twitchell of Augusta came to Bethel Monday to attend the funeral of Miss Cornie French.

Mrs. W. F. Stone of Portland has been in Bethel Monday a few days with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Wormell.

Miss Mary Cummings has received news of the death of her brother, Daniel Cummings, of Andover, Mass.

Gerry Brooks accompanied Prof. Flood to Brunswick Friday morning, where they remained till Monday morning.

There were no services at the Congregational church Sunday last on account of the serious illness of the pastor's little child.

Who wouldn't go to Florida? In sixteen hours, Monday and Tuesday, there was a change of 65 degrees in the weather.

Prof. Flood went to Brunswick Friday P. M., returning Monday P. M. Miss Purinton had charge of the room down stairs.

Last Wednesday evening Miss Edith Walker entertained her friends at whist. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

Charles L. Swan and Judson F. Bartlett were drawn to serve as jurors at the February term of court to be held at South Paris.

Mrs. Fred Chandler and children came from South Paris Friday and returned Monday P. M. Mr. Chandler spent Sunday in Bethel, returning Monday morning.

The Bethel chorus was the largest of the season last Thursday evening, and underwent a hard drill. The director wants to see even a larger number present, as he has a very important statement to make.

Miss Martha Gibson was obliged to close her school early last Thursday afternoon on account of sickness, but was able to resume her duties the following morning. This is the first time Miss Gibson has been obliged to close her school during a period of 28 terms.

Ivan Arno had a very narrow escape from at least a terrible accident the other day. Two gentlemen were riding very fast with a span of horses; Ivan tried to cross the street, then appeared to change his mind and turned, when the horses struck him, and strange to say, horses and sleigh passed over him, and he escaped with only slight bruises. He was a very fortunate boy.

Lame Back Cured.

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At two o'clock in the morning of May 3d the regiment was in line of battle, the left wing across the Bowling Green turnpike leading into Fredericksburg a mile or two below the city. Our first duty was in driving in the rebel picket; then in supporting the First Massachusetts Battery commanded by Capt. McCartney of Boston. After the battery had shelled the woods in our front, orders were given for the regiment to charge through the woods and drive the enemy's line back over the railroad, if possible. The terrible charge was made, though the enemy, strongly entrenched, was not driven from its position. Just beyond the woods, greatly to the surprise of our men, rebel earthworks with rifle pits running parallel with the railroad were found, filled with men welcoming us into the trap that had been set. Seeing that our position was one of extreme peril, and that sure death awaited all should further attempt to advance be made, the order to fall back a few rods was given, and lines were reformed.

We were still only a short distance from the enemy who were pouring shot and shell into our ranks with the most awful results, our forces being outnumbered five to one. Being fully exposed to the fire of the enemy for some time and unable to inflict much loss upon the opposing forces, on account of their strongly entrenched position behind earthworks, I gave the order for the men to lie down, and thus allow the bullets to pass over us rather than into us.

It was here at this time that Adjutant Geo. W. Bicknell was severely wounded in the head. I caught him as he was falling and gave him water. He rallied and the boys took him back to the rear, and from there to the hospital in Fredericksburg, and the next day, May 4, he was sent to Washington with the many wounded of the sixth corps. He was away from the regiment until the last of October or first days of November.

He found us lying in the outskirts of the little aristocratic city of Warrenton. A day or two later he took part in the charge at Rappahannock Station, and soon after in the Mine Run campaign, but the wound in the head was still troubling him. Pride and patriotism kept him in the field almost too long, but on the last of February or March 1st, he received an honorable discharge, and he came back to his home at Morrill's Corner (Steven's Plain), in Westbrook, and soon after to Tufts College. He has occupied for many years some of the first churches in the land, and is now at Cambridge, Mass. Dr. Bicknell is one of our most gifted orators. There was one little incident at the time he was wounded, I did not understand. As that shell exploded an army blanket from a knapsack on one of the boys' shoulders, was torn out and spread on top of a tree, some forty feet from the ground. The work was done as neatly as a housewife hangs her clothing on the line. We have stepped a little outside the Bethel Company in taking up the Adjutant, but then he was not a member of any company at the time, and at least we own one tenth of his glory gained in battle. He was in nearly all the engagements up to Salem's Church that fatal third of May, the day he received that awful wound which still troubles him, and will until he is mustered into the heavenly ranks on the other shore.

An Orderly was sent back to General Bartlett to inform him of the critical situation in which we were placed. General Bartlett, realizing that further sacrifice of life was unnecessary, gave orders for us to move back to the position we held before making the charge.

It was during this time that Daniel M. Stearns of this village was shot through the hand, the same bullet going into his side, though he did not know that his body was loaded till several years later, when one day while working in a cotton mill at Lewiston, he felt a pricking sensation in his side. On rubbing, he found a hard lump, which he thought was a tumor or some cancerous growth. Heat once went to Dr. Small, who advised him to have the hard substance cut out. Submitting to the operation, he was surprised when he saw a mince ball on the surgeon's table as a result of the operation. Stearns had carried this bullet in his body for years, though its presence was not known.

The bullet is now among my war relics. This bullet did some damage before wounding Stearns. Sergeant Evans of the Bethel Company, standing near Stearns and in range with the rebel sharpshooter, had in his knapsack a rubber blanket, neatly rolled and folded. The bullet passed through the knapsack, making forty-two holes in the blanket. As I examined the blanket, I remember making the remark that it was no longer water tight, and that Evans was entitled to another. Evans, I think, got even with the enemy before the day closed.

Private Stearns, son of the late Phineas Stearns, born in Bethel 1839, enlisted Dec. 31, 1861, mustered into the United States service Jan. 4, 1862, was wounded through hand and in side May 3d, 1863, on the plains below Fredericksburg, and was severely wounded through arm and shoulder at the Bloody Angle, Spotsylvania, May 12, '64, he joined the Bethel Company at camp Franklin. He was discharged from the service Jan. 4, 1865, and came back to his old home and worked for the Butterfield in the sash, blind and door factory at the foot of High St.

He remained here some two or three years and then went to work in the Androscoggin Mill at Lewiston, where he was employed twenty years or

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Bethel, Maine, Jan. 20, 1897.

The suit of clothes which Maj. McKinley is to wear on the day of his inauguration as president will be of American weave, cut and make. The cloth is to be woven of American wool by an American woolen manufacturing company and the inauguration suit will have the additional distinction of being unique, as only enough cloth to make it will be woven and finished.

A recent issue of Zion's Herald gives the following list of a dozen or more salient events which will make the year of our Lord, 1896, a memorable one:

The discovery of the Roentgen rays; the millennial festivities in Hungary, with the opening of the "iron gates" of the Danube; electrical transmission of power generated at Niagara; the settlement of the Venezuela question, with the vindication of the Monroe doctrine; the negotiation of a treaty of arbitration between this country and Great Britain; the Jameson raid; Nansen's journey to within 225 miles of the North Pole; the coronation fetes at Moscow, with the terrible calamity of thousands trampled to death; the tidal wave in Japan, which destroyed (June 19) 27,000 lives; the cyclone at St. Louis, May 27, by which 500 people were killed; the defeat of Italy by Abyssinia; the tour of Li Hung Chang; and the election of William McKinley as president of the United States.

Many times during the past few weeks has it become the sad duty of the News to record the death of a resident of Bethel or vicinity. Some of the deceased have been residents of the town for many years, and were among our best citizens. The message has also come to some who were just beginning life's voyage, and several homes in our quiet village mourn the loss of little ones.

Particularly sad is the death of Miss Cornelia French, which occurred last Sunday evening. Three short weeks ago she was apparently in her usual health, and there was no cloud to dim the prospect of a long, happy life. Miss French possessed unusual ability, and had improved every opportunity to obtain a broad education. Graduating from Gould's Academy at the head of her class only last spring, she began at once to lay the foundation for a still higher education, and a short time ago she accepted a position as teacher in the city school at Augusta.

A noble girl, with sweet, womanly ways, may the young people of Bethel long try to follow the teachings of her pure life. To the parents, who bow beneath this great sorrow, the citizens of Bethel extend their heartfelt sympathies. The whole town mourns and the sorrow is heartfelt. Everyone loved Cornelia French, and it will be many long years ere her memory fades from the hearts of the people.

BETHEL LOCALS.

Dr. Geo. M. Twitchell is in town from Augusta.

Miss Annie Keene of Groveton is setting type in the News office.

Thursday Mr. Horace Purington was a guest of Mr. E. J. Purington.

Mr. Charles Demerit has moved into Mr. Cullen Farwell's house on Mason street.

Mr. Algernon Chapman and daughter, Angie, have returned from Fall River.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Newton Richardson on Church St., Thursday P. M., 2.30.

There was no meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah last Monday evening, on account of the death of Miss French.

The friends of Mrs. R. E. L. Farwell hope her illness will be of short duration, and that she will soon be able to be out.

Norway, Jan. 11, by Rev. B. S. Rideout, Harry Lee Rowe of Watford and Miss Edith Cobb of North Bridgton. Mr. Rowe has a fine position as conductor on the electric in Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Rowe will reside there. Mr. Rowe is well known in Bethel, having formerly been a student at Gould's Academy. The best wishes of many friends follow them to their new home.

The community was held in painful suspense, the latter part of last week, by the serious illness of Lewis, the little son of Rev. I. and Mrs. Jordan. That dreaded disease, diphtheria, had firmly fixed itself on the beautiful child, and for several days the physician could see no hopes for recovery. Mr. Jordan's sister was summoned and aided in giving the child most careful attention. At the time of going to press we learn that Lewis is much improved and considered out of danger.

LETTERS TO THE NEWS.

Mr. Editor:-

In review of your last issue of the BETHEL NEWS, we congratulate you on your weekly budget. The letters from New Mexico of Miss Gibson's are always interesting, and we are impatiently waiting for a description of that famous bull fight, not that we have a taste for such exhibitions, but out of curiosity.

Col. Edwards' serial history of Company I, 5th Maine Infantry, is very interesting to almost everybody, as the company was raised largely in Bethel, the regiment had a fighting record in the war which is still remembered, and the surviving members of the company are fast passing away.

"And last but not least," the new feature, "Women's Chit Chat," is not only interesting but valuable for the sound common sense and valuable educational and moral tone, and is a good addition to the already first class country newspaper. A News Reader.

Meriden, Conn., Jan. 8, 1897.

Dear Sir:-Through the courtesy of my brother-in-law, Capt. R. B. Grover, we have been enjoying the weekly visits of the BETHEL NEWS. I began my dental career after my pupillage in Bethel in 1889, and many pleasant remembrances cluster there. I am especially interested in Col. Edwards' history begun this week, and enclose stamps to pay for the series, which you will please send me. I wish to preserve them. My good wife often sends her papers away to some friend.

I enlisted in Company "I" but did not get farther than Camp Preble, being obliged to leave the Regiment on account of injury which brought on a trouble from which I suffered several years. I always entertained a high regard for Col. Edwards. He certainly has proved himself a noble man. He will also make his mark as a writer, for this week's beginning is a sample of what is to follow. I recall very vividly, as I read, those initiatory scenes; I had the honor of bearing that flag, presented by the ladies, as Color Sergeant that day. It was one of the hardest trials of my life to stay behind when the Regiment went away. I want to know what became of many of the boys I knew so well.

Lieut. T. B. Walker, who succeeded Col. Edwards as captain of Company "I," was a cousin of mine and we were much together in those days. He died some years ago in Milwaukee, Wis.

It is a good thing for the dear old town to have a live newspaper, and as it is almost impossible to have a live newspaper without a live man back of it, I conclude you are the man.

Yours very truly,

C. C. Barker.

CLARKE--WEBSTER.

One of the most fashionable and elaborate church weddings that has been celebrated in the spindle city this season took place when Mr. Roscoe Clarke of Susquehanna, Penn., and Miss Myra D. Webster, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Webster of Biddeford, were married.

The auditorium was handsomely decorated in white and green, and presented a beautiful appearance. The church was filled with prominent Saco and Biddeford people. The ushers were George H. Roberts, of Boston, James H. Bradbury, George E. Dudley and Harry W. Libby.

The bridal party entered the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, a brother, Edmund Clark, of New York.

Rev. A. K. P. Small, the pastor of the church, officiated. Miss Leda Chick, daughter of Mr. Charles Chick, acted as flower-girl.

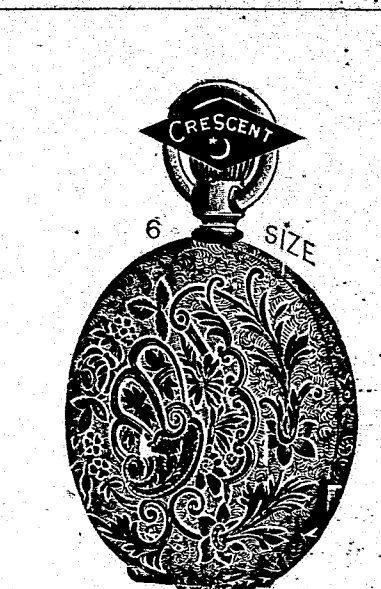
The newly married couple left on the 4 P. M. train for Susquehanna, where they will reside.

You Can Be Well

When your blood is pure, rich and nourishing for nerves and muscles. The blood is the vital fluid, and when it is poor, thin and impure you must either suffer from some distressing disease or you will easily fall a victim to sudden changes, exposure, overwork. Keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be well.

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BETHEL, ME.

PICK-UPS.

Before the great freeze in Florida the annual orange crop was from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 boxes. The estimate for this season is 70,000.

Some one has figured it up and says there were 6,520 suicides in this country last year. This is probably too low a figure, as many suicides are so covered up that they are never known.

Kremis, Mercer County, Pa. We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best remedy in use. We use it in our own families, and it is a favorite among our customers. HOOKER BROS. & CO. 25 and 60 cent bottles for by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

Bear River Grange.

Bear River Grange had its yearly installation of officers last Thursday evening. Officers were installed by Bro. Tracy of Bear's Corner. They are as follows:

J. L. Brown, Master.
W. W. Williamson, Overseer.
L. J. Trask, Lecturer.
A. W. Goodwin, Steward.
A. W. Small, Assistant Steward.
J. C. Saunders, Chaplain.
E. R. Lane, Treasurer.
A. T. Powers, Secretary.
C. C. Bean, Gate Keeper.
Mrs. H. B. Godwin, Pomona.
Mrs. J. L. Brown, Flora.
Mrs. A. Saunders, Ceres.
Mrs. A. T. Powers, Assistant Steward.

Installation was followed by an oyster supper of which over fifty partook. We have to thank Messrs. Harlow, Searle and Saunders for some nice music.

Affected the Verdict. "You see, gentlemen," said the counsel for the defendant complacently--it was a compensation case--"I have got the jury the very nice dilemma. If he went there seeing that the place was dangerous, there was contributory negligence, and as his lordship will tell you, he can't recover. If he did not see it was dangerous, neither could my client have seen it, and there was no negligence on his part. In either case I am entitled to your verdict." The jury replied, "Well, gentlemen," said the foreman, "I think you were given \$500." All agreed except a stout, ruddy gentleman in the corner, who cried hoarsely, "Give him another 60, gentlemen--for getting into the dilemma. Verdict accordingly."--Household Words.

The Dwarf Elephants of Malta. The island of Malta is little known apart from the remains of dwarf elephants are found. There are several places on the island where the bones of these miniature pachyderms have been unearthed, and hundreds of skeletons have been secured. In one of these, whose teeth and bones showed was a full grown specimen, was less than 2 1/2 feet in height and could not have weighed over 600 pounds when in the flesh.--St. Louis Republic.

Good Blood. Is essential to health. Every weak and nervous system is reached by the blood, and its quality the condition of every organ depends. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The secret way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep and cures that tired feeling. Remember.

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WOMEN'S CHIT-CHAT.

"From Grave to Gay, From Lively to Severe."

SUNDAY. Sunday said: "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

MONDAY. "We will not weep, for God is standing by us. And tears would blind us to the blessed sight."

TUESDAY. "There is no death--what seems so is transition."

WEDNESDAY. "This world is simply the threshold of our vast life: the first stepping stone from nonentity into the boundless expanse of possibility."

THURSDAY. "The mere lapse of years is not life."

FRIDAY. "Character is measured not by results but by quality."

SATURDAY. "Sometimes feel the thread of life is slender. And soon with me the labor will be wrought. Then grows my heart to other hearts more tender. The time is short."

The Observer makes no apology in referring to a personal grievance in this column, for she well knows that no family in this village has been free from the shadow that has darkened so heavily of late over some of its homes, and now rests upon one bereaved household. She knows that her sadness is shared by every heart, and that she voices a common sorrow.

The terrible strain of suspense in seeing suffering that cannot be removed or alleviated, even by the most devoted skill, is an experience that makes human hearts rise up to encompass anguished souls with a mighty tenderness, to be met with the baffling cry, "Oh! What can we do for them?" and to helplessly stand appalled that our best efforts are so pitifully feeble. There is but one sustaining thought for those who suffer vicariously: "If we have this passion of pity--how much more has the Source of all love and pity."

For an environment that calls forth the deeper sympathies of one's nature there is no life that can equal the demands made upon one who has chosen a village for a home. Especially is this the case where one has roots of 'early associations which strike back till three generations are embraced in one's knowledge and interest. To one with strong local affections, village life is never superseded by a life in great cities, nor are such natures weaned from tender interests by putting oceans and continents between them and their childhood's home. There is a sense of kinship with one's own village people that other acquaintanceships fail to awaken.

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Therefore, we have every reason and every encouragement to train, educate, develop and rejoice in every trace of talent and ability in our midst, giving glad and proud recognition to merit of every kind and watchfully holding ourselves in readiness to lift others with one hand, as, clinging fast to the ladder of attainment, we climb to higher planes, thus making our village-life our great opportunity.

And when the hard experiences of sorrow and disaster fall upon one who has cast his lot in such a community, how overwhelming is the wave of tenderness and self-sacrifice that lifts the sufferer above the deadly woe of lonely sorrow. Let those who have had life and limb risked for them in time of cruel disaster and have met hearts brimming over with tenderest expressions of human sympathy, in seasons of anxiety, testify to the inestimable value of such helps, and declare that there is nothing better on earth than the sweet side of New England village-life.

STATE GLEANINGS. Orrin S. Dockham, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Togus, was visiting in Lewiston, was found dead in his room Jan. 7th, with his throat cut. He was 68 years old and had been despondent for several days.

The six-year-old daughter of Mr. W. B. Chute, the Naples stage driver, was badly bitten by a big dog belonging to a neighbor, while on her way to school Wednesday morning. A physician was called who took thirty-five stitches in the wound. The little girl would have been more seriously injured if Mr. Proctor, the owner of the dog, had not been near at hand.

Notice! Notice is hereby given that EVANS S. KILGORE has notified the Bethel Savings Bank in writing that he has lost his deposit book No. 12 issued by said bank and that he desires a duplicate book issued to him. E. S. KILGORE, Treasurer, Bethel Savings Bank, Bethel, Me., Dec. 15, 1896.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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In every town where we have not already got a correspondent we would like to make arrangements with some person to furnish us with items. Write us.

WEST BETHEL.

Sunday gave us a light fall of snow.

How musically the sleigh-bells jingle!

Take in the bicycles and get out the sleds.

Mrs. L. F. Grover of Berlin, N. H., was at L. D. Grover's over Sunday.

'Skaters had fine times last week on the smooth ice of the Andros-coggin.

John Wright of Gilead was in town Friday evening with a colt he is breaking.

Mrs. Eunice R. Roberts and Miss Octavia J. Grover are getting up orders for the well known firm of J. L. & Co.

Our village school closes next Friday, and Miss Hammons deserves more votes than she has yet received as one of our most popular teachers.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler preached to a fair sized congregation in the school house on Sunday last. Will not be able to hold another meeting here until the afternoon of St. Valentine's Day.

'Spruce pulp-wood is piled on the hillsides in every direction, to be hauled to the rivers as soon as sufficient snow comes for loaded sleds to pass over the rocky and uneven ground.

GILEAD.

Elmer Newell recently put in a "drove well" for his father, J. M. Newell.

George Burnham, aged 81 years, recently had two slight shocks, the second one affecting his speech. It is feared he cannot recover.

J. W. Bennett is organizing his force to haul his fleet of buildings from Jewett's siding to this place on the river, which will make quite an addition to our village.

GREENWOOD.

Mr. Foster is quite slim for him now.

S. Foster got his foot bruised by a falling tree, Friday.

Mr. George Cole's wife and baby are sick with bad colds.

There are eighteen horses, five yoke of oxen and numerous men within a radius of a mile waiting for snow.

The Epworth League gave a box supper at John Small's Saturday night. It was well attended and a very good time was had.

Mr. Calvin Cole's house took fire Friday and burned the roof badly. Mr. Cole had three shirts on when he went on the roof and they were all frozen when he came down.

Dark clouds obscure the sun, the east winds blow,
And yet they fail to send the crystal snow,
Anon 'tis Eden fair, with azure sky;
And if, perchance, we ask Dame Nature why,
She keeps her secret, giving no reply.

Mrs. A. K. Hicks and Mrs. I. W. Swan visited at the writer's last week.

Many of the small streams are now making trouble by the formation of ice on the surface.

Thursday morning was the coldest yet, the temperature being five below, previously two below was the coldest.

Thanks are due Daniel Bryant for bringing our mail over Saturday, consisting of two books, one letter and two papers.

Tired of waiting for snow, the writer has been sledding wood on bare ground, and don't like it, but there is one advantage in loading, it is not covered up with snow.

Col. Edwards' War Reminiscences make interesting reading; no danger of an over production of that kind of history, and the Colonel knows how to write it.

Rawson L. Martin and Nellie Cole were married the 22nd of Dec. Mrs. Martin is stopping with her parents a part of the time, and the remainder with her husband at his father's, Lyman Martin.

HANOVER.

The following officers of Pennacook Colony, No. 48, U. O. P. F., Hanover, Me., were legally installed by D. S. G., J. B. Chapman, of Bethel, Jan. 14, 1897.

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Coll., George A. Virgin.
Treas., J. D. Russell.
Chap., C. B. Frost.
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EAST BETHEL.

Farmers are harvesting their ice.

Miss Mattie Tracy has returned to Colby University.

Samuel Brown of Milan, N. H., was in this place last week.

Mrs. M. E. Bean is visiting her sister, Mrs. Olive Bartlett.

Mrs. S. E. Rich of Berlin Falls, N. H., recently visited her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Lapham are working for Z. W. Bartlett.

Mr. Nelson Austin recently lost one of his large work horses. H. B. Holt has also lost his family horse, "Old Bill."

Mr. Fred Morton of Locke's Mills, spent the Sabbath with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hastings.

Died, Jan. 12th, Leon, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swan, aged 5 months and 17 days, funeral services were held at their home Jan. 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Swan have the deep sympathy of their many friends and neighbors as they sorrow for three little ones now laid away.

NEWRY.

It snowed a little here Sunday forenoon.

There was a Lyceum in the Branch school-house last Thursday evening.

We are all sorry to hear of the burning of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tyler in Grafton, Maine, last Saturday night.

Mrs. Hooker from Randolph, N. H., is stopping with her son, Cornelius Thompson, who is still quite sick with rheumatism.

GRAFTON.

Quite a rain here yesterday followed by a little snow and very cold weather.

Mrs. C. T. Parker and children of Bethel have been visiting relatives in town the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tyler met with a great misfortune in the loss of their house by fire last Saturday night. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

GREENWOOD CENTER.

A. K. Hicks and wife are both in feeble health.

Miss Luella Cole is at work at Dr. Yates', West Paris.

The skating is now quite good on a part of Twitchell Pond.

Mrs. John Tibbets is stopping a few days with her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Brooks.

A good time to cut wood in the woods, but no snow for hauling it. Very much, thus far, like last winter.

Frank Bennett has quit work for Hannibal Curtis for want of snow, and gone to work for Wm. Woodis.

While I. W. Swan was cutting wood the other day a chip flew into his face, making an ugly wound which bled profusely.

The school in this district closed Christmas week, being a term of 12 weeks. Three scholars, Jason and Willie Bennett and Lydia E. Swan were not absent from school a single day. For this they all received a prize.

CANTON POINT.

Our blacksmith is rushed with work.

Mr. L. Buck is confined to the house.

Mrs. Eunice Holt is at work at Lewiston.

Where is our snow? We want some very much.

Mr. Ephraim Childs made us a call Wednesday.

The dam at Canton Falls will soon be completed.

The circle meets in two weeks with Mrs. F. W. Buck.

Prof. E. S. Benson has closed his services with B. C. Waite.

B. C. Waite and C. M. Packard have harvested their ice.

Mrs. I. L. Harmon has returned from her visit to Gloucester.

Mr. I. A. Ellis is slowly improving from his recent sickness.

Jasper Barker and W. G. Magnier are sawing ice for B. C. Waite and others.

George Childs has sold his ferry boat and fixtures to the King Bridge Company.

A. H. Packard, Esq., of Norway, spent Sunday with our trader, Mr. C. M. Packard.

The recent rain raised the river some four feet, and in places it shook the ice hard.

Circle met Wednesday with Mrs. B. C. Waite. There was a good turnout, some thirty in all.

A. K. Foster recently sold a pair of calves to Moses Young of Hartford. The price paid was fifty dollars. It was a fine pair.

The dance at Union hall Saturday evening, Jan. 9th, was well attended. Some forty-five couples were present and all had a fine time.

The Canton bridge is completed and opened to the public for travel. It is a fine one and was much needed. The full length is 400 feet and the width 18 feet. Mr. Luther Abbott of Hartford is toll-gatherer.

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"For 19 years I suffered from heart trouble. During that time I was treated by five different physicians. All of them claimed that I could not be cured. I was greatly troubled with shortness of breath, palpitation and pain in the side. If I came excited, or exerted myself in the least, the pain in my side became very severe. At times it seemed as though needles were shooting through my side. Sometime in the month of November last, I commenced taking

DR. MILES' HEART CURE

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Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is sold on a positive guarantee that the first bottle will relieve the sufferer. All bottles are sold by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure Restores Health.

MARSHALL HILL.

Mr. Bert Bird recently visited at Isaiah Hazeltine's.

Roscoe Carver visited his relatives at Stoneham recently.

Alice and Daisy Wheeler spent two days with their sister, Fannie, last week.

Mrs. Maria Hazeltine and Mrs. Lydia Fernald made the writer a very pleasant call one day, last week.

Mr. Caleb Hazeltine is very poorly at this writing.

George Briggs is cutting his year's supply of wood.

Mr. Weston Hazeltine and wife from North Waterford visited his brother, Isaiah Hazeltine, Saturday last.

Mrs. Isaiah Hazeltine called on her daughter, Mrs. Lucien Andrews, last Saturday.

NORTH NORWAY.

Mrs. J. W. Morgan is quite feeble this winter.

Mrs. Alonzo Heath is at work at Rollin Towne's.

Every one is wishing for snow so to haul ice and wood.

David Edwards is the guest of W. Judkins at present.

There are six people in this neighborhood over 80 years old.

Alfred Hobbs took a beef creature to West Bethel for Rufus Morrill this week.

They are having very interesting lyceums at the Chapel school-house this winter.

Mrs. Henry Farrington has five children under 4, two sets of twins, the oldest 20 months, and the youngest two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox, who were lately married, held a reception Monday evening. Many responded to the invitation and presented them with valuable gifts.

A man in this vicinity, whose wife has five children under four years of age (two pair of twins), is so ugly, he was complained of, and the "father" of the town had to make him promise better fashion.

NORTH NEWRY.

The snow is all gone in this place.

There was a lyceum Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, on which occasion the following programme was carried out.

Report of the Secretary.
Report of the Executive committee.
Report of the committee on question.

Rec., Mattie Littlehale.
" Rena Eames.
" Ernest Eames.
" Lawrence Hobbs.
" Roger Thurston.
" Wade Thurston.
" Marjorie Thurston.
" Verna Kilgore.
" Algar Kilgore.
" Elsie Thurston.
" Teddy Thurston.
" Carrie White.
" Geneva Hutchins.

It was voted to discuss the question, "That the works of art are more pleasing to the eye than the works of nature." Disputants, Mr. T. S. Hutchins, Mr. M. L. Thurston on the affirmative; Mr. M. S. Baker, Mr. F. E. Munroe on the negative. The question was undecided.

Rec., Susie Hutchins.
Reading of the paper by Miss Brnice Richardson.
There is to be a lyceum at this place Wednesday evening, Jan. 20.

SOUTH BETHEL.

Mrs. Annis is able to be about the house.

Mrs. Russell, who has been quite sick, is gaining.

Miss Maud Morrow closes a very successful term of school this week.

Rabbit-trapping seems to be the principal occupation about here just now.

The Sewing Circle met with Mrs. I. A. Cushman, last week. A large number of young people were present in the evening.

Mrs. Copeland has the next 28th.

WHO IS THE MOST POPULAR TEACHER IN OXFORD COUNTY?

EVERYBODY WILL BE ANXIOUS TO KNOW.

The Publishers of the Bethel News are Going to Give the People a Chance to Decide.

FOLLOWING IS THE PLAN.

Votes can be cast for any teacher wherever they may reside, if he or she is now or has been teaching in this county during 1896.

Every issue of the News from now until Feb. 1st, 1897, will contain one vote, which can be filled out by any one for any teacher in the County and sent into the News office. Extra papers will be on sale at the News office, G. R. Wiley's drug store and at Miss L. C. Hall's in Bethel, also at Stone's drug store, Norway, Shurtleff's drug store, South Paris, and at C. A. Clifford's, Ramford Falls.

A new yearly subscription to the News, whether brought in by the teachers themselves or by some friend, will count 52 votes. A 6 months subscription will count 26 votes, and a 3 months subscription 13 votes.

25 votes will also be allowed for every dollar's worth of job printing actually obtained by any teacher or friend and brought to this office.

THE PRIZE.

The teacher who on or before Feb. 1st, 1897, receives the greatest number of votes will be presented with a copy of Webster's International Dictionary. This is a new book from cover to cover. A complete revision of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, the name of which is familiar to every teacher in America.

A library in itself.

In addition to the Dictionary of words, with their pronunciation, spelling, etymology, etc., there is a valuable appendix comprising a pronouncing gazetteer of the world; vocabularies of Scriptural, Greek, Latin, and English proper names. A dictionary of the noted names of fiction; a brief history of the English language; a dictionary of foreign quotations. A biographical dictionary with 10,000 names; a classified selection of illustrations (filling 82 pages) etc.

The work of revision occupied over 10 years, more than 100 editors being employed, and over \$300,000 expended before the first copy was printed.

The price of this book is \$14.00 and it is unquestionably the greatest work of the kind produced.

ONE VOTE FOR THE MOST POPULAR TEACHER IN THE COUNTY.

NOTE.—Votes may be cast for any Lady or Gentleman who is now teaching in Oxford County.

Vote Received to Date.

Miss Lillian R. Kimball, 974
Miss Alice Purington, 1119
Maud Bartlett, Albany, 435
Miss Ethel Hammon, 402
J. S. Hutchins, South Bethel, 438
T. S. Hutchins, Bethel, 135
Miss Sadie Abbott, Bethel, 280
F. W. Flood, Bethel, 65
Alice M. Russell, Bethel, 54
Bertha Wiley, Bethel, 53
Arthur G. Wiley, Norway, 25
Augusta H. French, Norway, 5

Remember a new subscriber counts 52 votes if for a year.

We give a copy of the NEW YORK TRIBUNE, or the TOLEDO WEEKLY BLADE free to every new subscriber who asks for it.

Anyone who already takes the News can have their votes credited by paying up to date and a full year in advance.

FRYEBURG.

The Masonic installation will be held at Fryeburg village, Monday, the 18th.

There was no meeting at the Harbor church on account of the illness of the pastor's wife.

The Odd Fellows' circle met at Mr. Wesley McKee's, Wednesday, the 13th. Miss Shedd, our teacher at the Harbor, gave us some very fine music.

Grover Post, G. A. R. met Saturday, the 16th, at the Free Masons' hall, Fryeburg village. They gave a bean dinner and a grand time was enjoyed.

The Stowe circle met at Dexter Walker's last Tuesday afternoon and evening. After supper was served they had a dance. Charles Wiswell played the violin and Mrs. Abbott presided at the organ.

Mr. Robert Cole has a pullet that laid an egg, a few days ago, measuring 8 inches in diameter and 14 in circumference. Mr. Cole is a gentleman about 80 years of age, and has been obliged to wear glasses for a good many years, but tells us he is recovering his eyesight. I saw some writing that he did with his glasses on and it was as straight as most young folks can write.

One of the most remarkable cures of rheumatism on record is related by Mr. J. M. Thompson, post master at Decker's Point, Pa., as follows: "While out driving one day last winter I was caught in a cold rain. The next morning I was unable to move my head or arms, owing to an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My clerk telephoned for a physician, but suggested that I use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, there being a bottle open on the counter. He rubbed the affected parts thoroughly with Pain Balm and built up a hot fire. I dozed off to sleep and when I awoke about half an hour later the pain had gone entirely, and I have not been troubled since. People come here from many miles around to buy Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

NOTICE.

Ordered that the time for the reception of Petitions and bills for private and special legislation be limited to Monday, February 1st, 1897, and that all petitions and bills presented after that date be referred to the next legislature.

Read and passed.
W. S. Cotton, Clerk.

A true copy, Attest:
W. S. Cotton, Clerk.

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Ladies' Fur Muffs and Tippets. Hosiery and Gloves.

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Bed Blankets from 50 cents each to \$5.00 per pair.

Ladies' Jackets and Capes to be closed out cheap.

GEYLON ROWE,

Bethel, Maine.

Notice!

This is to give notice that I have purchased the meat business of D. D. Matheson of Bethel and shall continue at the old stand.

I shall constantly keep on hand a good supply of

FRESH MEAT, FISH, OYSTERS, ETC.

And shall be ready to serve Mr. Matheson's old customers at all times. Shall run cart every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

JOHN YATES,
Bethel, Me.

